

AQUIDNECK ISLAND PLANNING COMMISSION (AIPC)

SERVING MIDDLETOWN – NEWPORT – PORTSMOUTH and NAVAL STATION NEWPORT

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March 24, 2015, 6pm AIPC Board of Directors Meeting 437 Broadway, Newport, RI

Present:

Richard Adams, Middletown Corey Bobba, Newport Roger Poisson, NAVSTA Newport Liaison Diana Skaggs, Middletown Ray Berberick, Portsmouth Peter Janaros, Newport Hilary Stevens, Newport Kate Wilson, Portsmouth

Municipal Liaisons:

Rick Lombardi, Middletown Town Council

Staff:

Sarah Atkins, AIPC Interim Executive Advisor Allison McNally, Project Advisor George Johnson, Advisory Planner

Presenters: Deborah Langstaff of Third Sector New England, assisted by Taylor Elowitz

Public attendant: Nancy Grieb, Portsmouth

Welcome, Introductions and approval of agenda:

The meeting was called to order by Peter Janaros.

Peter welcomed and introduced Rick Lombardi, member of the Middletown Town Council. Rick provided the Board with a review of the 2015 Middletown budgetary process and the need to provide the municipal Councils with data to support AIPC's budgetary request.

A motion was made to approve the agenda. *Motion by Kathleen Wilson, seconded by Diana Skaggs. All approved.*

Public comment:

None

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Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 2/24/15 meeting - *Motion by Dick Adams, seconded by Diana Skaggs. All approved.*

Board Leadership Update:

Peter reported that John Ciummo submitted his resignation from the Board of Directors for personal reasons. The Board accepted his resignation with regret and thanked him for his service to AIPC and the island community.

The Board will hold an election of officers at the next regular meeting.

Strategic Planning Discussion:

Led by Deborah Langstaff, the Board conducted a wide ranging discussion of projects and initiatives which may be undertaken by AIPC to serve Island municipalities and community. The Board agreed that AIPC should work closely with, and solicit ideas from municipal administrations, councils and other community service organizations.

Closing comments and scheduling of next meeting:

The Board will hold a strategic planning retreat from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on Saturday 28, 2015 at the Newport County Chamber of Commerce offices on Valley Road.

The next regular Board meeting date and time will be announced, but will either be April 7th or April 14th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

A motion was made to Adjourn- *Motion by Katherine Wilson, seconded by Corey Bobba, approved by all.*